

***“Prayer & Power for
Missions”***

Eph 6:10-20

November 1, 2009

Ephesians 6:19-20

“...and [pray] also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”

E. M. Bounds on “Prayer & Missions”

“It is alright to urge men to give of their means to the missionary cause. But it is much more important to urge them to give their prayers to the movement. Foreign missions need, today, more the power of prayer than the power of money. Prayer can make even poverty in the missionary cause move on amidst difficulties and hindrances. Much money without prayer is helpless and powerless in the face of the utter darkness and sin and wretchedness on the

Paul's Requests:

- “That words may be given to me...”
- “Boldness” with which to proclaim the “mystery of the gospel.”
 - “This mystery is that the gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (Eph 3:6).

On “**Boldness**”

- Boldness is the willingness to say what the Spirit has given you to say in the way he’s given you to say it.
- Furthermore, boldness is the willingness to speak as the Father has commanded you to speak even if you have to suffer for it.

Acts 13:1-3

“¹ Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.”

Two Implications for our Church:

1. In order for our church to be given to missions we must be given to prayer.
2. The Lord has called us to go to India again.
 - A man named “Pratap John Navitt” has asked us to come to explore a partnership with the School of Theology at Allahabad University.
 - Thus, after much prayer and discussion, John & Peg Anderson, Sarah Daas, and Pastor Charlie are going to India, Lord willing, from Jan 17-27.

What We're Requesting of You:

1. Please give financially if the Lord calls you to do so.
2. Please help us gather the supplies our missionary has requested.
3. PLEASE, PLEASE PRAY FOR US!
 - Join us on November 8 from 6:30-7:30 at Pastor Charlie's house as we call out to God regarding this trip.